

public and the private sectors of our country. These programs are essential because they spearhead innovative market access, new market development, and promote agricultural sales overseas.

Through the Market Access Program, or MAP, U.S. agricultural trade associations, cooperatives, State regional trade groups, and small businesses cooperate to share the cost of overseas marketing and promotional activities. MAP reaches virtually every corner of the globe helping build markets for a wide variety of U.S. farm and food products including dairy, wheat, grain, beef, soybean, and sunflowers that come from my district.

The Agricultural Trade Promotion program or, ATP, was created in 2018 to help U.S. agricultural exporters develop new markets and mitigate the adverse effects of other countries' tariff and non-tariff barriers. The ATP supports consumer advertising, public relations, point-of-sale demonstrations, trade fairs and exhibits, market research, and technical assistance for farmers, ranchers, and our agriculture producers.

I support whatever directly benefits farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers in this country because they are the lifeblood of America. They keep us food-secure, and therefore free and self-determining as a nation. That is why I support these trade programs within the farm bill and why I am bringing awareness to them now, to ensure that they remain intact for the 2023 farm bill.

I also support these programs as a fiscal conservative because they are a great return on investment for all Americans.

I will be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my farm bill impact series and highlight more programs and titles within the bill that I believe Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture continues to thrive in Kansas and in America.

#### HONORING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize the dedication of law enforcement officers on the thin blue line, and condemn calls to defund, disband, dismantle, or abolish the police.

No one dislikes bad police officers more than good police officers. While some people are quick to share negative examples of law enforcement, they fail to acknowledge the multitude of men and women who bless our country with self-sacrificial care. Police officers are the glue that holds communities together. They put their lives on the line in the morning, and they go to their children's basketball games in the afternoon. Most of us cannot even comprehend the burden of responsibility that they bear for us and our families.

Today, I will share a story about an officer in my district who exemplifies the very best qualities of Kansas law enforcement.

Drew Francis started his career in law enforcement 20 years ago as a police officer at Dodge City Police Department. Since then, he has served in patrol operations, investigations, and now, police administration as Dodge City's Chief of Police.

Recently, a woman approached Drew and reminded him of a time earlier in his career when he was dispatched to help her. She had been a victim of repeated domestic violence, and when Drew arrived at her house, she remembered that he took the time to talk with her about the importance of removing herself and her children from the cycle of violence. The woman said that Chief Francis inspired her to make this change, and she felt that Drew had actually saved her life.

This particular story is an example of the little things that police officers do daily, the positive impact of which may never be fully comprehended.

In honor of these individuals who put their lives on the line for our safety, I have cosponsored several pieces of pro-law enforcement legislation, including a resolution condemning calls to defund the police; the Protect and Serve Act, which enhances penalties for anyone targeting and attacking law enforcement officers; as well as the David Dorn Back the Blue Act, which supports State and local police departments; and also, a resolution designating National Police Week.

I am so proud to represent a district where police officers like Drew Francis live and work. America must stand in support of those who protect and serve us, our law enforcement officers.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri (Ms. BUSH) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today because, if America's students are not taught the truth in school, we can at least make the floor of the House of Representatives their classroom.

My name is CORI BUSH. But Bush was not the name that my paternal ancestors in Nigeria carried. Bush was the last name forced upon them by their slave masters right here in America. My maternal ancestors carried the last name Blakney, forced upon them by their slave masters in Pageland, South Carolina.

Our Black ancestors were kidnapped—stolen—from their homelands. They were the 12 million Africans who were shackled, branded, and packed into the bowels of slave ships during what is known as the Middle Passage where 2 million Africans died. Poor ventilation, burning heat, no room to stand or room to turn their bodies, forced to lay in their own feces and urine, they were starved, dehydrated, poisoned, and beaten.

Those who survived the Middle Passage survived only to be brought onto these shores, bought and sold at auc-

tions like the goods their forced labor was producing.

These auctions launched a long-standing practice in America in which White folks—including White women—scrutinize and violate the bodies of Black people—especially Black women.

We are going to tell the truth today. Black adults and Black children were enslaved and forced to endure being tormented, being tortured, and being raped by White slave owners on slave ships and on the plantations.

Our ancestors tried to escape the bondage of slavery just to be hunted, captured, imprisoned, and executed via slave patrols and convict leasing—those institutions whose primary focus was to regulate, exploit, and control Black bodies.

More than 1,700 Congressmen once enslaved Black people. Those 1,700 people who routinely cast votes cultivating, conserving, and codifying White supremacy did not view Black people as human beings. Our own Presidents owned, sold, and enslaved Black people.

The image behind me is the truth of our country's history that our students are denied. This is what a lynching in America looked like.

What we must remember is that for every Black person they hung from a tree, dozens of White people came to celebrate.

When our students don't learn about these lynchings in school, it is not just to deny us our justice, it is because racist policymakers don't want White children to know that that may be great-grandpa smiling in the picture and pointing at our ancestors dangling like strange fruit.

This is the truth about our country that too many racist lawmakers want to prevent our students from learning.

So to young White people across our country: this is your history. The atrocities perpetuated against Black people for generations were committed by your ancestors—not all of you, but many of you.

So you have to know this is American history.

So what will you do to help repair the damage?

What will you do to help us achieve reparations for the harm done?

And if your history books do not teach this history, then question the book. Talk to your school district. Tell them that we don't want a white-washed history. We want and deserve the truth.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair, not to a perceived viewing audience.

#### CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, the transatlantic relationships between the United States